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Group Art: 3745

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Examiner: Nguyen, Ninh

Title: Mitigation Of Unsteady Peak Fan Blade And Disc  
Stresses In Turbofan Engines Through The Use Of Flow  
Control Devices To Stabilize Boundary Layer  
Characteristics

Date: August 9, 2006

AMENDMENTHon. Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated February 9, 2006, please amend  
the subject application as follows: